

REMARKS

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beach, U.S. Patent Number 6991558 ("Beach").

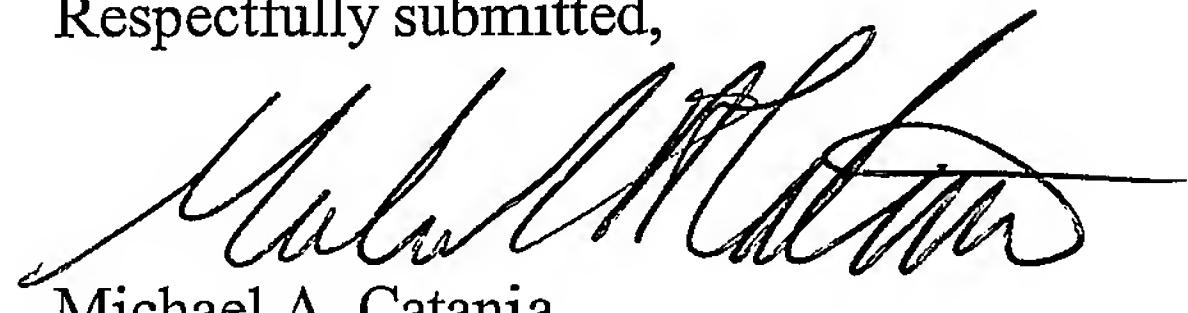
Independent claims 10, 25 and 38 have been amended to include an undercut portion which is positioned under the face component.

Beach fails to disclose invention as claimed in the Present Application. Specifically, the only cross-sectional view provided in Beach (figure 7) illustrates an integrated shell and striking plate. Thus, Beach fails to disclose the unique attachment construction of the Present Invention. Additionally, Beach fails to distinguish between the mass of the strike face and the shell.

The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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